

YES.

THOSE ARE
THE RULERS'
SOLDIERS.

WELL, WHY
DO THOSE DAMN
RULERS...

...KEEP
SENDING US
BEASTS?






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LIKE I SAID,
THEY'RE PREPARING
FOR WAR.



THEY WISH TO TURN
THIS WORLD INTO A
BATTLEFIELD AND FIGHT
AGAINST THE MONARCHS
ONCE MORE.

I DON'T QUITE FOLLOW...

THEY'RE TRYING TO TURN EARTH INTO A BATTLEFIELD BY SENDING US BEASTS? HOW DOES THAT WORK EXACTLY?


THEY'RE DOING IT FOR A SIMPLE REASON.

TO IMBUE YOUR WORLD WITH MANA.



WHILE MAGIC BEASTS
THAT EMERGE FROM THE
GATES ARE VIEWED AS
A CURSE,

THE MANA THAT
COMES OUT OF THE
GATES IS VIEWED
AS A BLESSING.




MANY
PEOPLE SHARE
THIS BELIEF, NOT
JUST HUNTERS.

OBJECTS THAT
CONTAIN MANA, SUCH
AS MANA CRYSTALS AND
ESSENCE STONES...

...ARE CURRENTLY THE
GREATEST SOURCES OF
ENERGY IN THE WORLD.

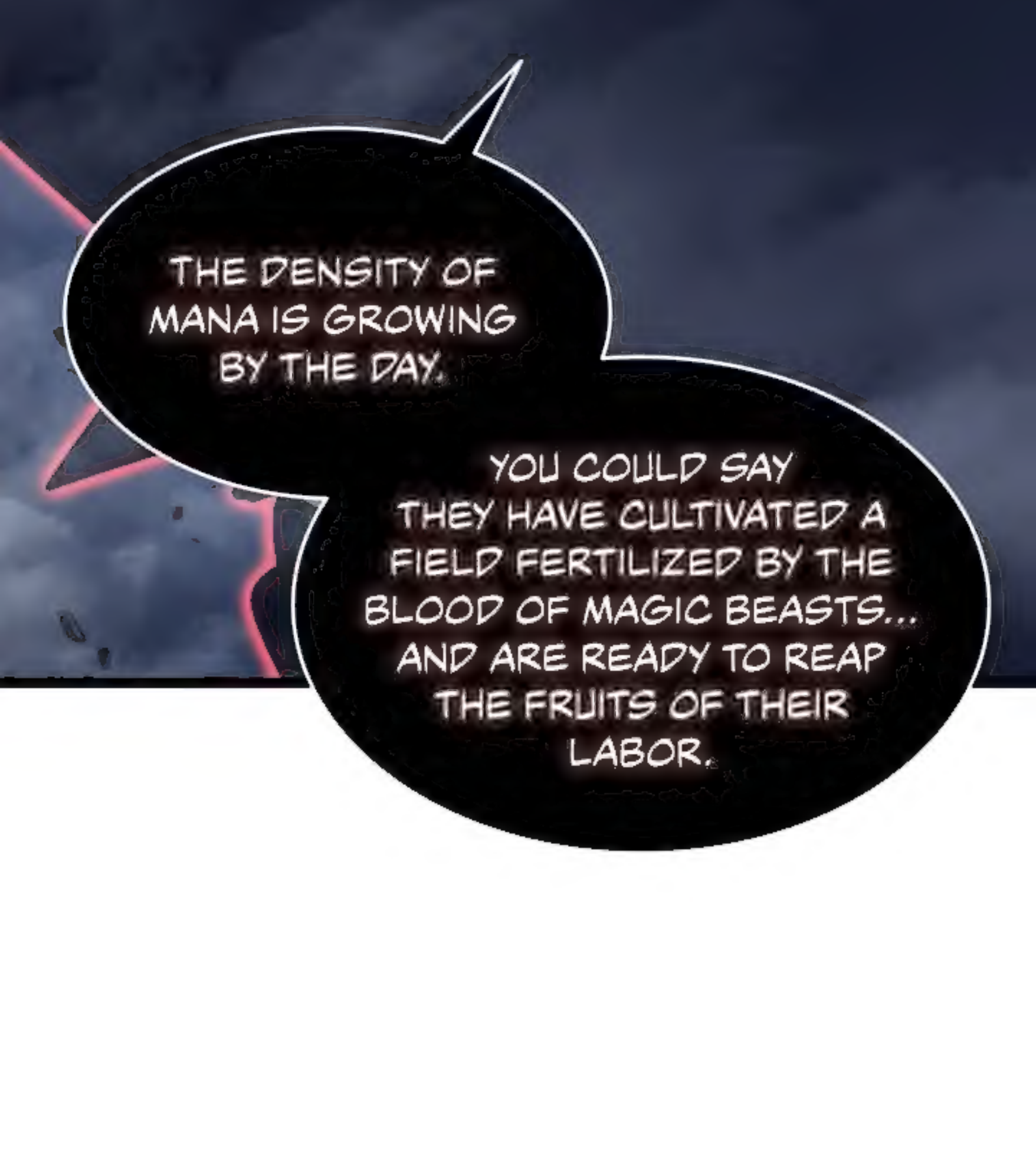
BUT THE RULERS
WERE USING THEM TO
LAY THE GROUNDWORK
FOR A WAR?





THERE IS
NO BETTER WAY TO
PROPAGATE POWER THAT
DOESN'T EXIST THAN
TO USE THE BLOOD OF
THOSE WHO POSSESS
THAT POWER.

THAT IS
WHY THE RULERS
DECIDED TO USE
THEIR PRISONERS
OF WAR.




THE DENSITY OF
MANA IS GROWING
BY THE DAY.

YOU COULD SAY
THEY HAVE CULTIVATED A
FIELD FERTILIZED BY THE
BLOOD OF MAGIC BEASTS...
AND ARE READY TO REAP
THE FRUITS OF THEIR
LABOR.




MANA
STRENGTHENS
THE WORLD.

SO THEY PLAN TO
CREATE A WORLD THAT
CANNOT BE DESTROYED
BY THE SHOCK OF
WAR.



BY WAR, DO
YOU MEAN...?



A REMATCH
BETWEEN THE
MONARCHS AND
THE RULERS



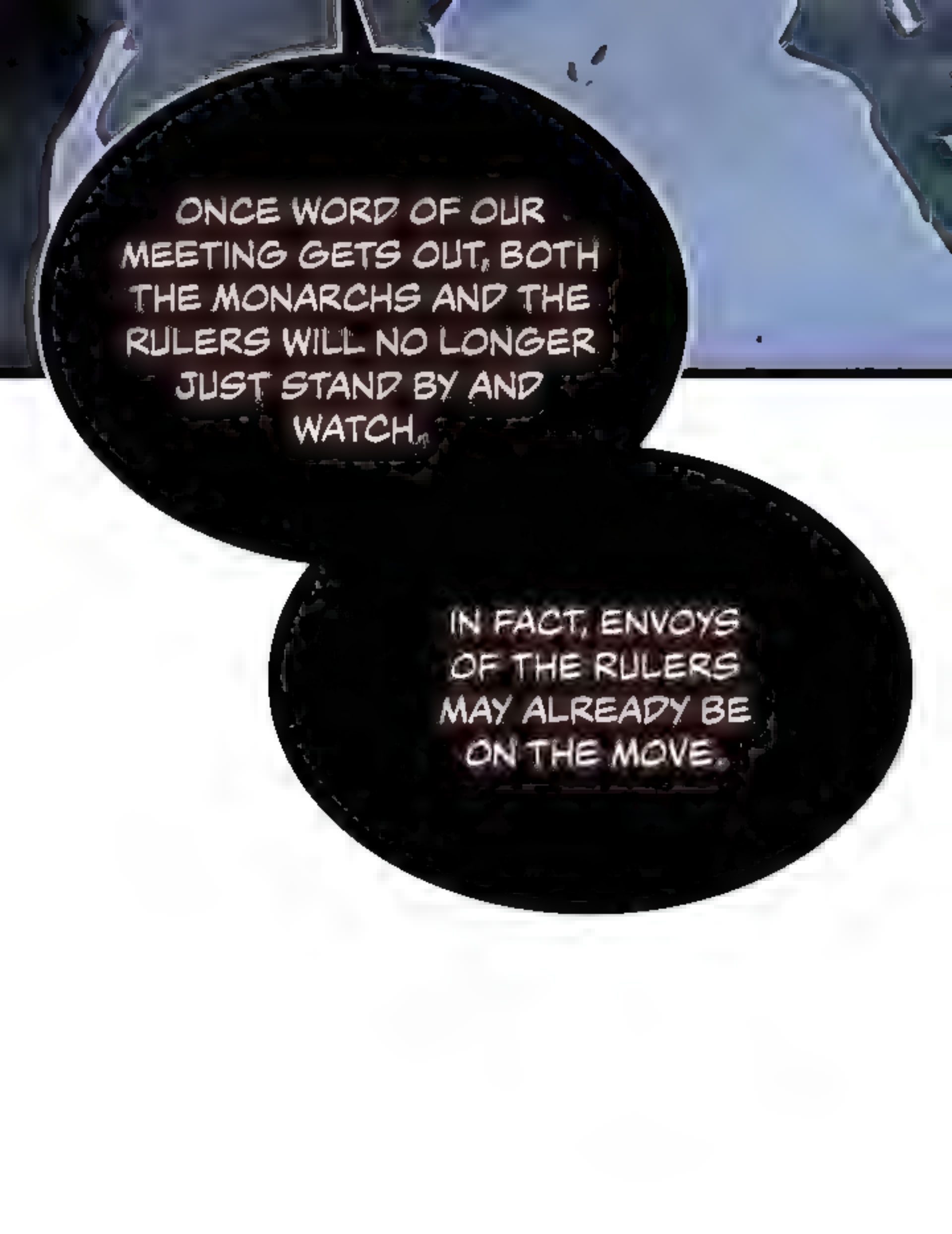
THE KILLERS.

BEFORE LONG,
YOUR WORLD WILL
TURN INTO A LIVING
HELL.




THERE IS
NO TIME.





ONCE WORD OF OUR
MEETING GETS OUT, BOTH
THE MONARCHS AND THE
RULERS WILL NO LONGER
JUST STAND BY AND
WATCH.

IN FACT, ENVOYS
OF THE RULERS
MAY ALREADY BE
ON THE MOVE.



YOU KEEP
SPEAKING AS IF
THOSE BASTARDS
ARE OUT TO GET
ME...

WHY IS THAT?

YOU REALLY
DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING, DO
YOU?

THE POWER THAT
YOU POSSESS IS
NOT ACTUALLY
YOURS.

THE FACT THAT SUCH
POWER WAS GIVEN TO
YOU MEANS ITS RIGHTFUL
OWNER BETRAYED THE
OTHER MONARCHS.

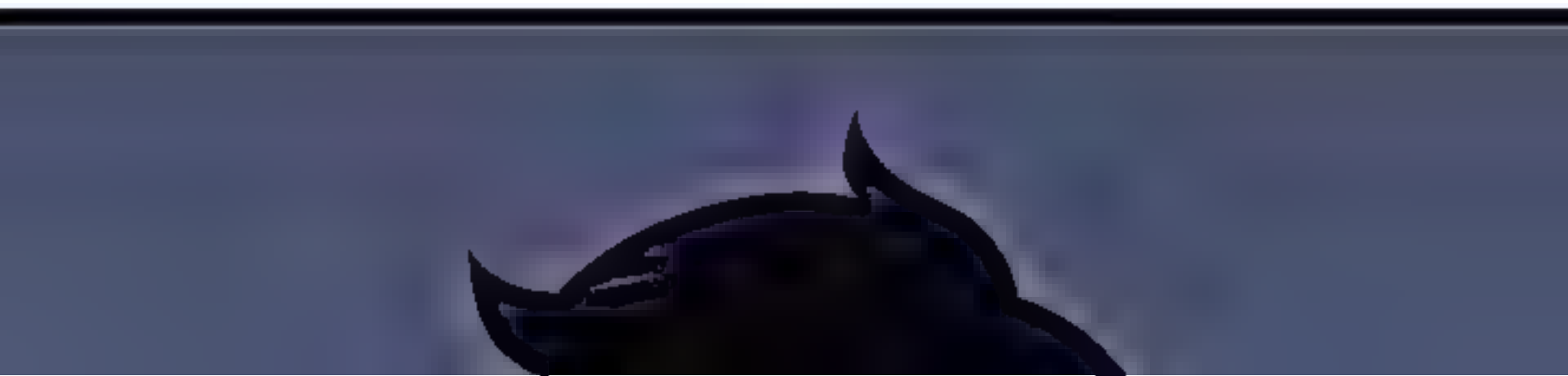
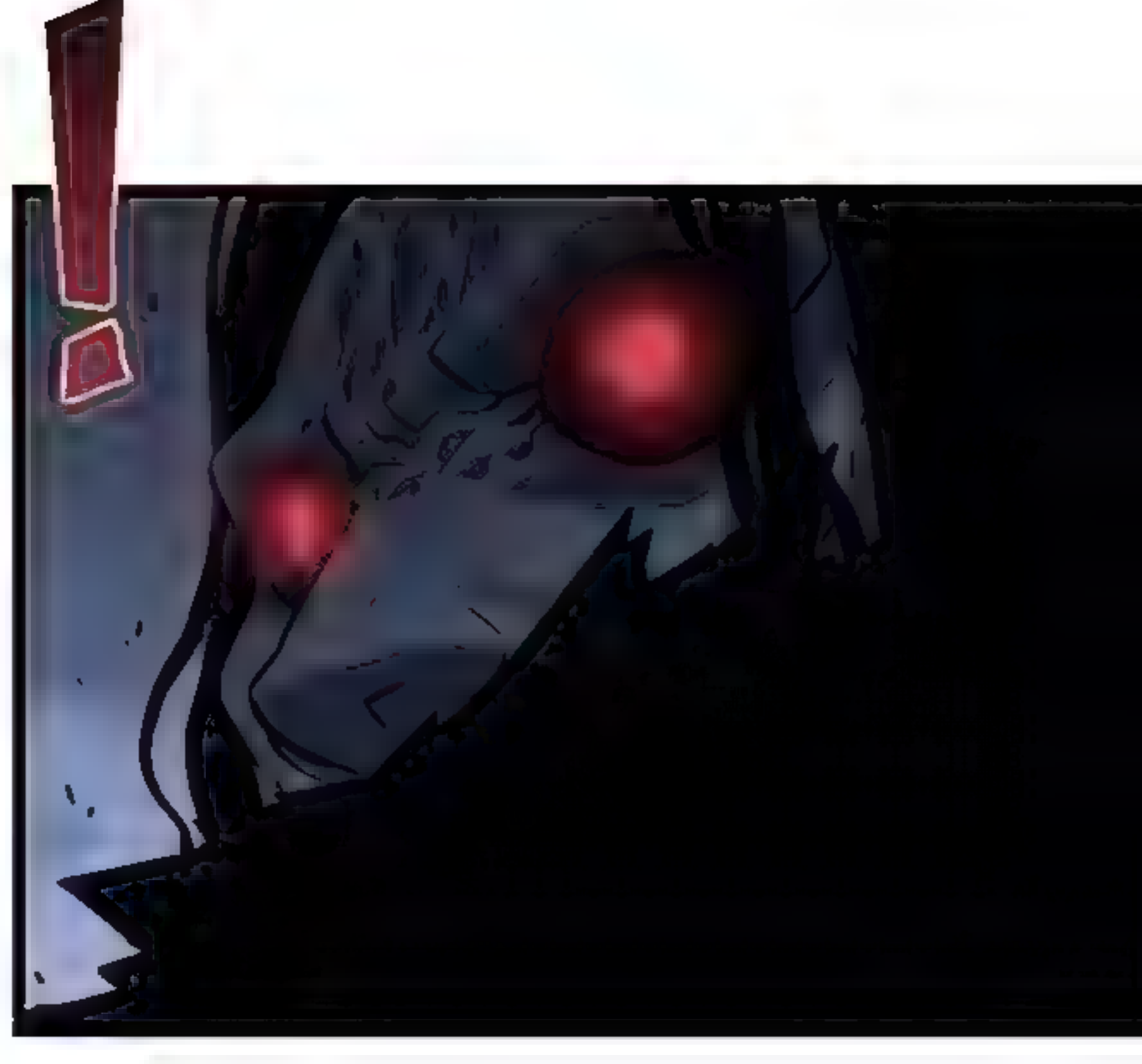
YOU HAVE BECOME
AN ENEMY OF BOTH
THE MONARCHS AND
THE RULERS.

HOWEVER,
I ALONE SWEAR TO
FIGHT ALONGSIDE
YOU.

SO WON'T YOU
HELP ME?



IF YOU SIMPLY WISH
TO STAND WITH ME, THEN
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER
FOR YOU TO BECOME
ONE OF MY SHADOW
SOLDIERS?





WHAT WAS
THAT...? FOR A
SECOND THERE,
I SAW...

MONARCHS
AND RULERS HAVE
ASTRAL BODIES...

...THAT
ARE DESTROYED
UPON DEATH, SO THEY
CANNOT BE TURNED
INTO SHADOWS.

THAT IS WHY I
CANNOT BECOME
ONE OF YOUR
SOLDIERS.

NOW HAVE
I GIVEN YOU
ENOUGH REASON
TO HELP ME?

I UNDERSTAND
THE SITUATION
NOW.

BUT WHY
DO I FEEL SO
UNEASY?



I MUST'VE...
OVERLOOKED
SOMETHING.






IF YOU HELP ME,
I SHALL RETURN
THE FAVOR.

CLANK

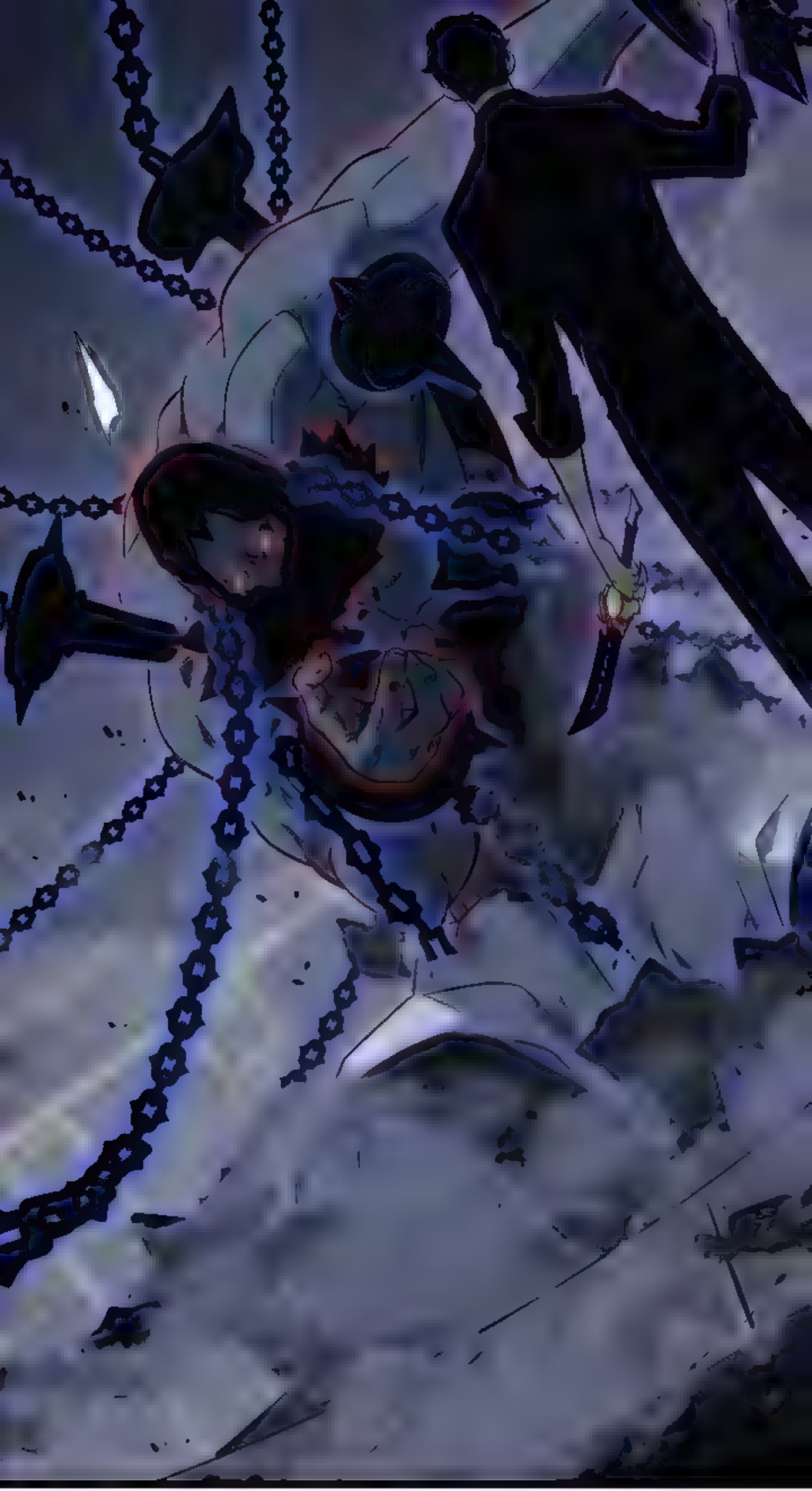
THIS
IS A FAIR AND
COMPLETE DEAL
BETWEEN TWO
MONARCHS.



FOR A
SPLIT SECOND,
I THOUGHT I SAW
HIM... WAS I JUST
HALLUCINATING?

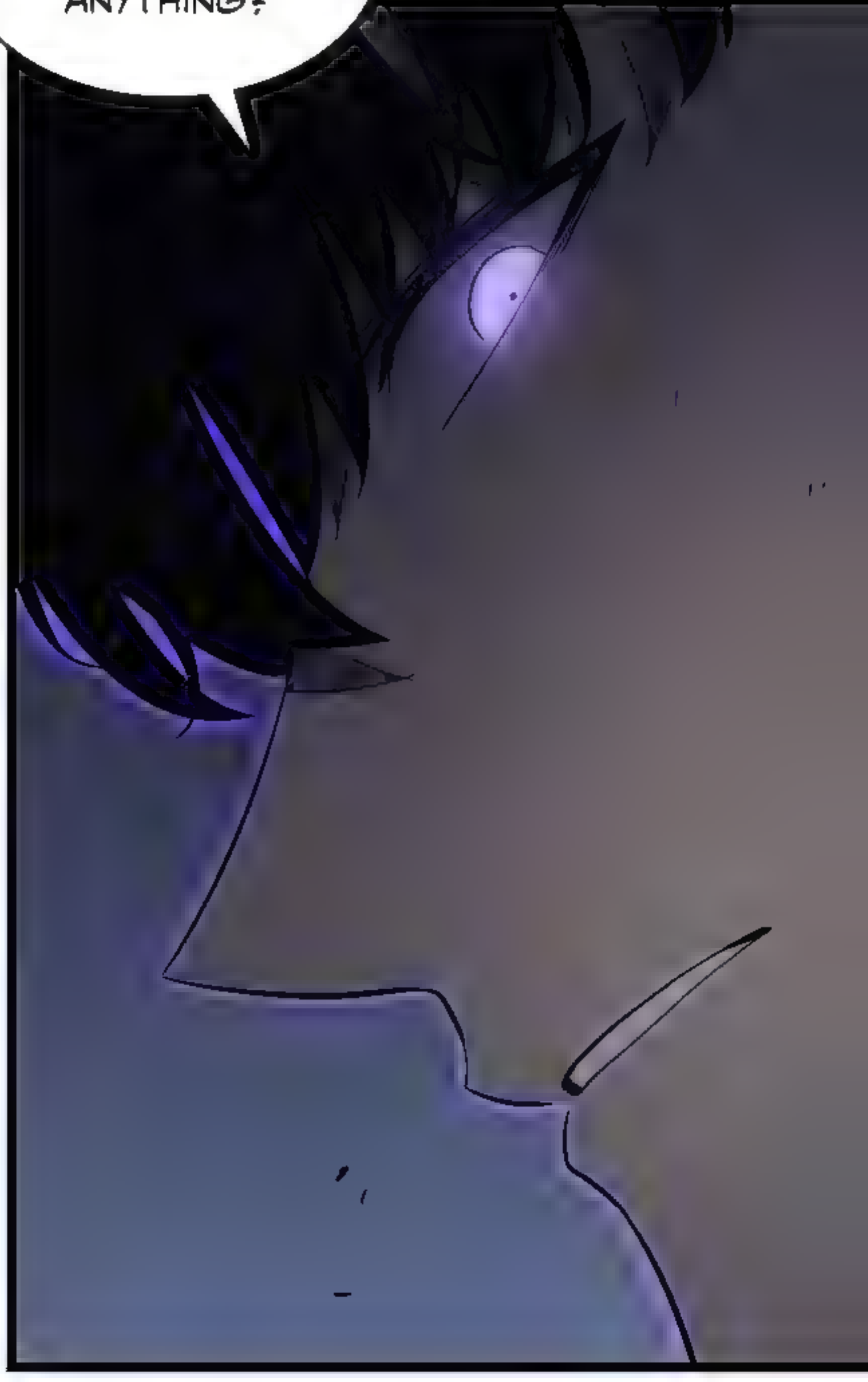


THEN...






WHY AREN'T
YOU SAYING
ANYTHING?



IS IT BECAUSE
OF THE PLEDGE
OF TRUST?



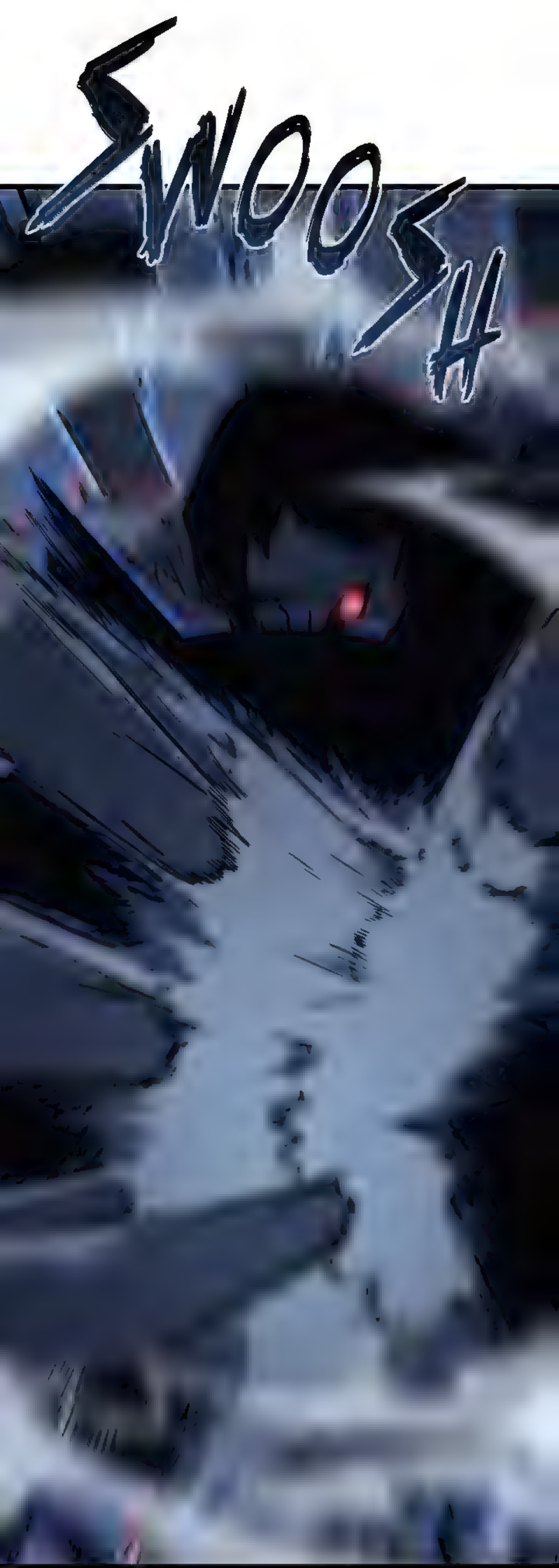




THAT ESSENCE
STONE ON THE BACK
OF YOUR NECK...

AS LONG AS YOU
HAVE THAT, YOU'LL
HEAR THE VOICES
OF THE RULERS.

YOU'RE BEING
TOLD TO "**KILL THE
HUMANS,**" RIGHT?
JUST LIKE THE OTHER
BEASTS ARE...





I'M CALLING
OFF OUR DEAL.



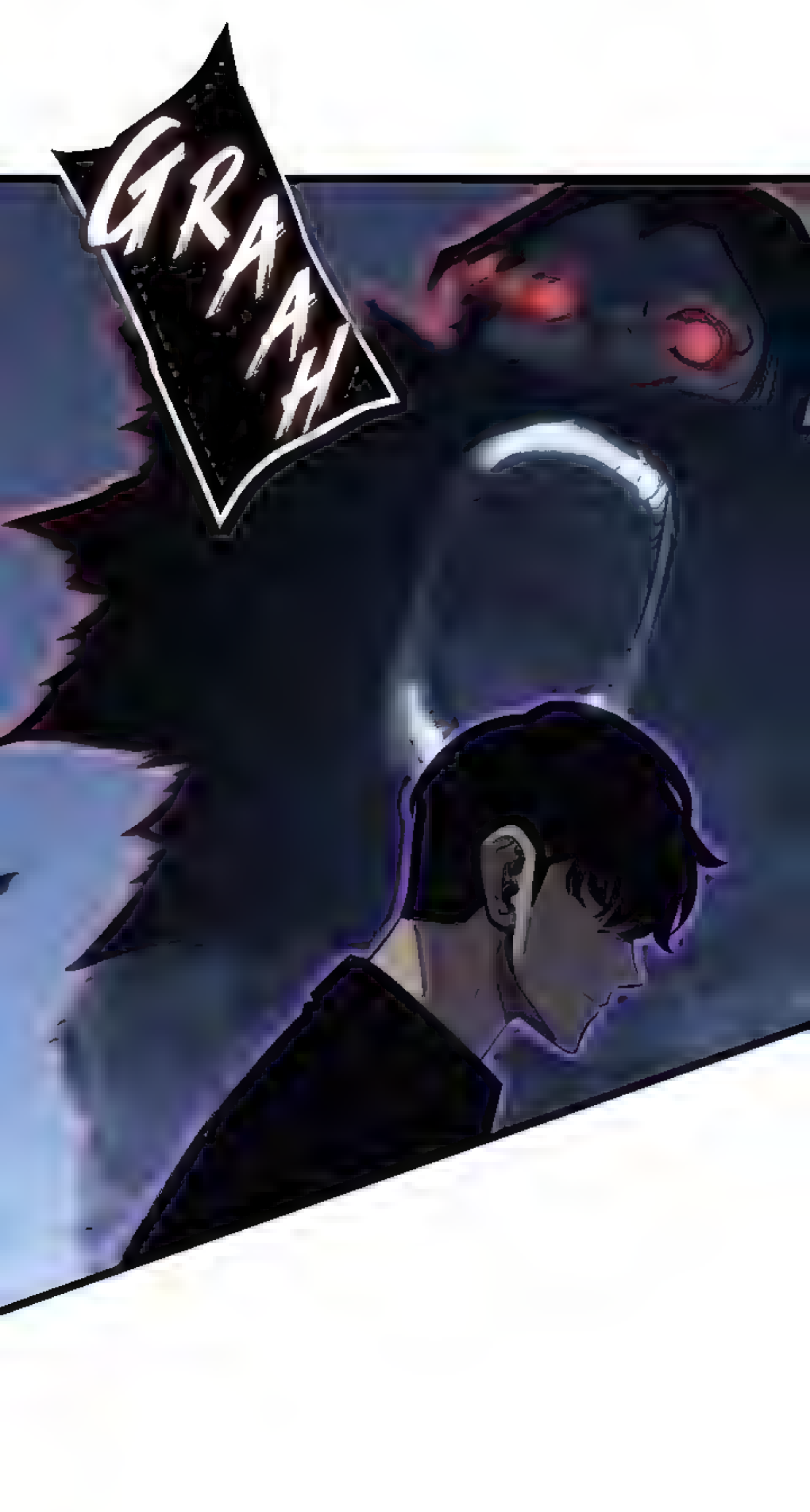
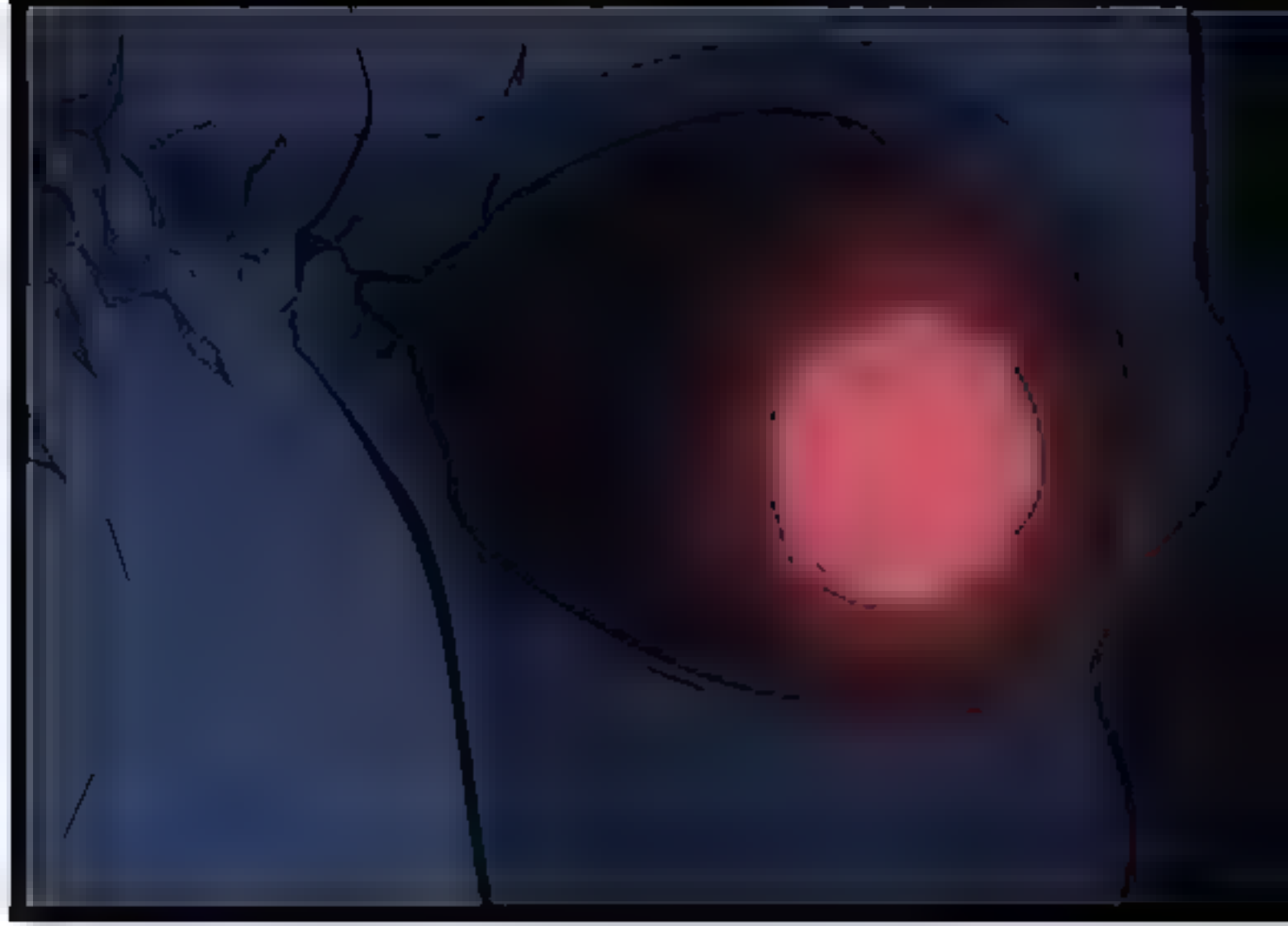
I CAN'T LET YOU
LIVE... YOU'RE TOO
MUCH OF A RISK.

URGH!

STAB

YOU
MIGHT CAUSE A
CALAMITY.











AS THE FIGHT BETWEEN
THE HUMAN RACE AND THE
CAPTURED DENIZENS OF
CHAOS ESCALATES,



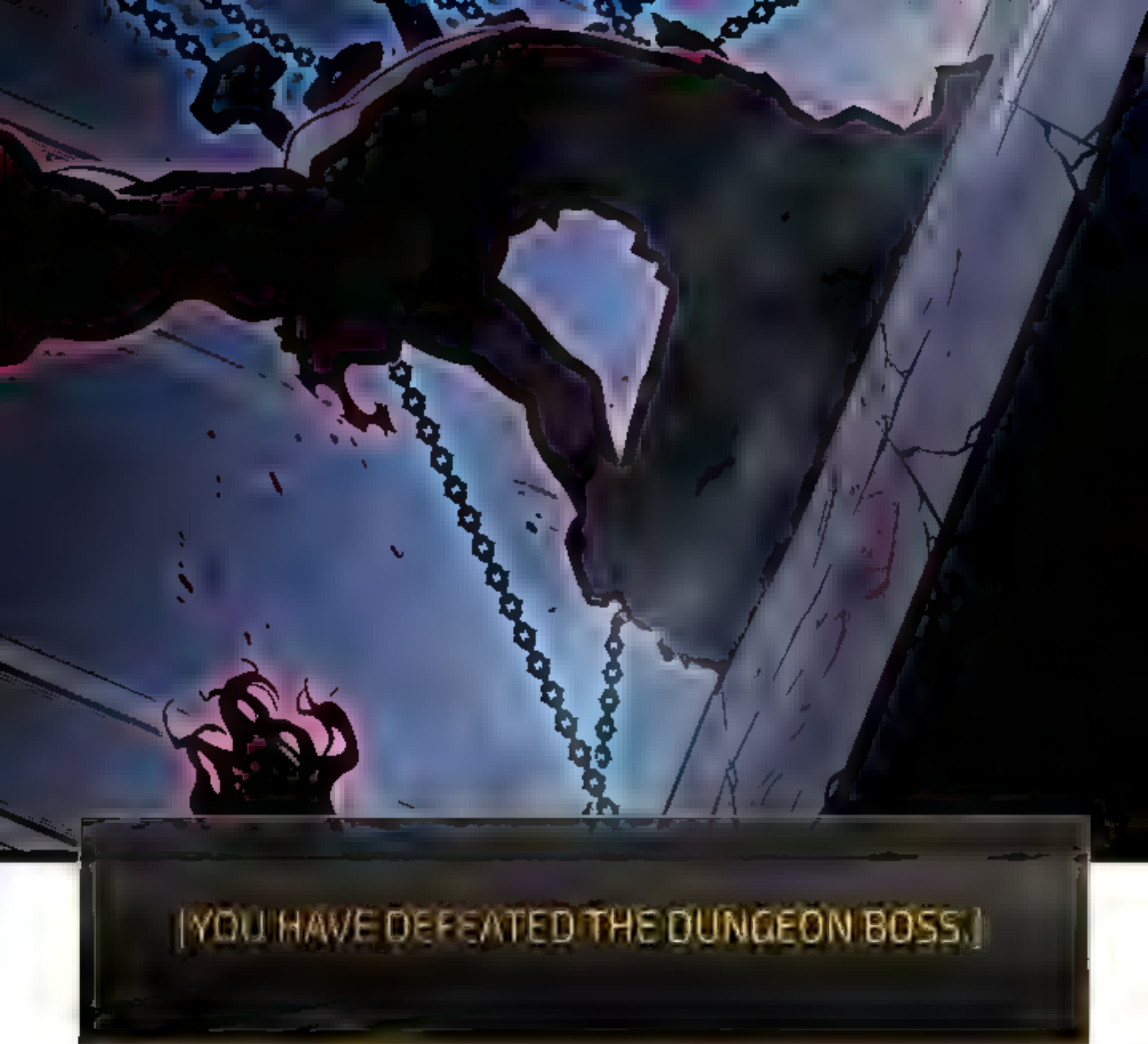
THE WORLD WILL
TRANSFORM FURTHER AND
FURTHER INTO A BLOODY
BATTLEFIELD.

I PRAY.

...THAT ALL YOU
WISH TO PROTECT IS
BURNED TO ASHES BY
THE HELLFIRES OF
WAR.

THAT'S
NOT GOING TO
HAPPEN.

GLICE



[YOU HAVE DEFEATED ONE OF THE
NINE MONARCHS, THE MONARCH OF
THE BEGINNING, "LEGIA."]



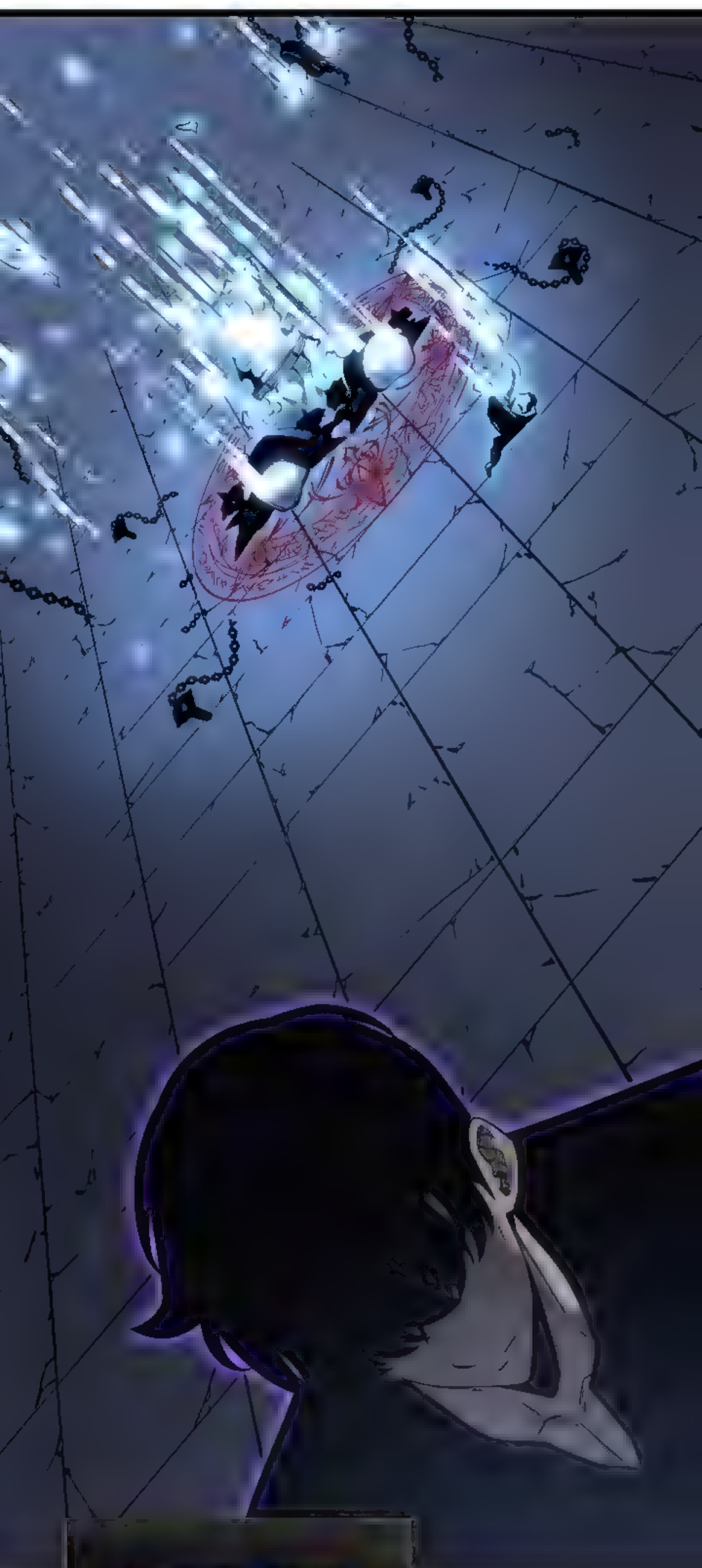
[CALCULATING EXP.]

[YOU HAVE EARNED A LARGE
AMOUNT OF EXP. THE CALCULATION
MAY TAKE A WHILE.]

IT'S TOO
BAD I WON'T
GET A SHADOW
SOLDIER...

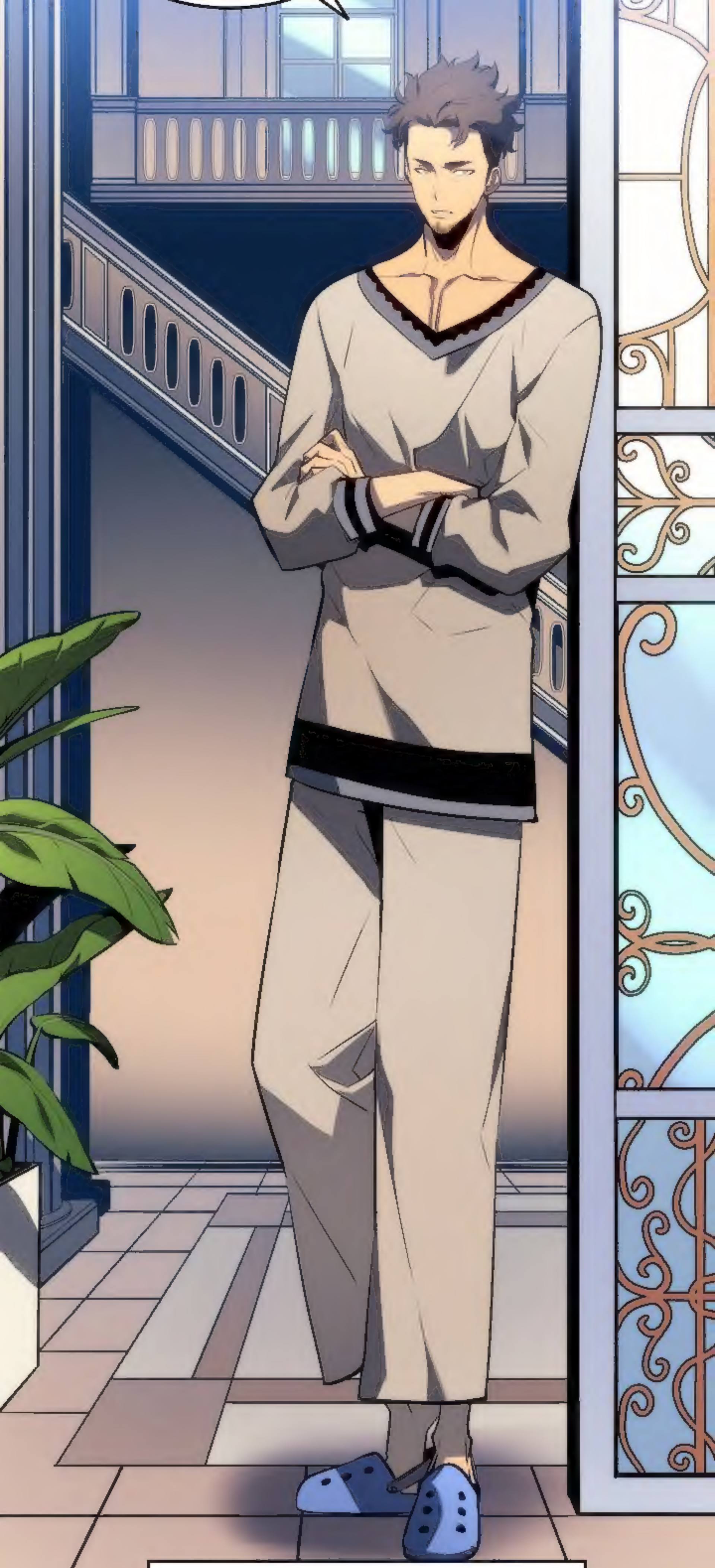
BUT I'LL
TAKE THIS AS MY
PRIZE.

[LEVEL UP!]
[LEVEL UP!]
[LEVEL UP!]
[LEVEL UP!]
[LEVEL UP!]





I WASN'T
EXPECTING
ANY VISITORS
TODAY.




NATIONAL LEVEL HUNTER
CHRISTOPHER REED

IT'S BEEN A
WHILE, DEPUTY
DIRECTOR.

YOU TOO,
MS. SELNER.



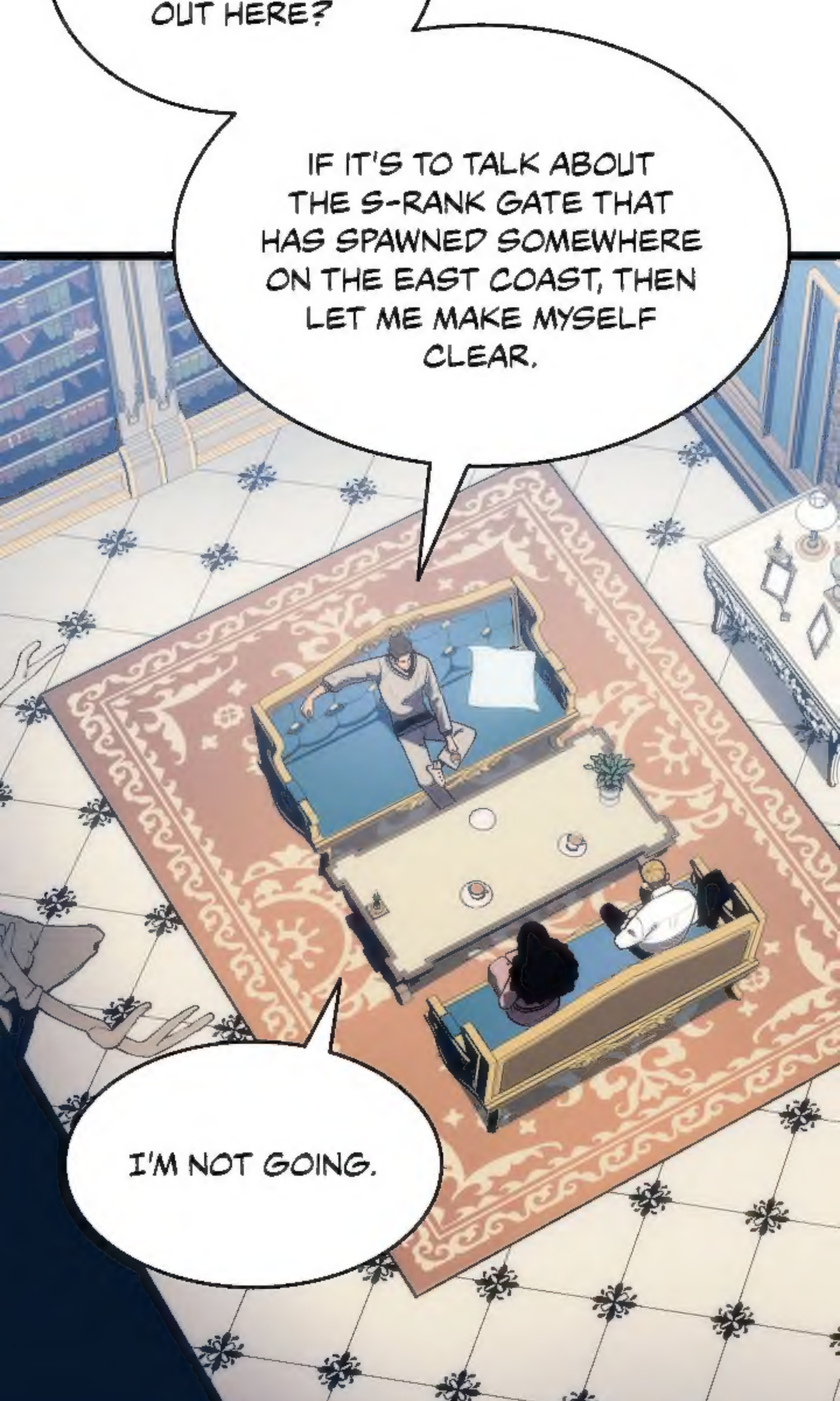
I HAVE SOMETHING
URGENT TO DISCUSS WITH
YOU. WOULD YOU MIND
ASKING EVERYONE
TO LEAVE?



DON'T LET ANYONE
NEAR MY ROOM UNTIL
THE TWO OF THEM
HAVE LEFT.



UNDERSTOOD, SIR.



SO WHAT
BRINGS YOU
ALL THE WAY
OUT HERE?

IF IT'S TO TALK ABOUT
THE S-RANK GATE THAT
HAS SPAWNED SOMEWHERE
ON THE EAST COAST, THEN
LET ME MAKE MYSELF
CLEAR.

I'M NOT GOING.

NO, THAT'S
NOT WHY WE'RE
HERE.

IT'S SOMETHING
MUCH MORE SERIOUS
THAN THAT.

SOMETHING
MORE SERIOUS THAN
AN S-RANK GATE?

CHRIS,

**THERE'S A
CHANCE YOU MIGHT
BE KILLED IN THE
NEAR FUTURE.**

To Be Continued...

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